

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An airbag module (10; 110) for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a source of compressed gas (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said source of compressed gas (40; 140), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that it said connection extension (36; 136) can penetrate into said source of compressed gas (40; 140) installed outside of said housing and it said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said source of compressed gas (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said source of compressed gas (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) An airbag module (10; 110) for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a source of compressed gas (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said source of compressed gas (40; 140), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that said connection extension (36; 136) can

penetrate into said source of compressed gas (40; 140) installed outside of said housing and said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said source of compressed gas (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said source of compressed gas (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110). ~~The airbag module according to claim 1, characterized in that~~ wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that it can penetrate right through said source of compressed gas (40; 140) installed outside of said housing.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) An airbag module (10; 110) for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a source of compressed gas (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said source of compressed gas (40; 140), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that said connection extension (36; 136) can penetrate into said source of compressed gas (40; 140) installed outside of said housing and said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said source of compressed gas (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said source of compressed gas (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110). ~~The airbag module according to claim 1, characterized in that~~ wherein said connection extension (36; 136) has two ends and is provided with a thread on one of said ends (56; 156) which faces away from said gas lance (22; 122).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said gas lance (22; 122) is T-shaped in an area of said connection extension (36; 136).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said housing is configured as an extruded profile.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said housing (112) is made of plastic.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said ~~a tubular~~ source of compressed gas (40; 140) is tubular with a longitudinal axis (L) is being attached to said airbag module (10; 110), said connection extension (36; 136) penetrating into said source of compressed gas crosswise to said longitudinal axis (L).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said connection extension (36; 136) penetrates said source of compressed gas (40; 140) in a middle thereof.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The airbag module according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said housing (12; 112) accommodates ~~an~~ said airbag (20; 120) that surrounds said gas lance (22; 122).

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Claim 10 (New) The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein only said connection extension (36; 136) mechanically attaches said source of compressed gas (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110).